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Richard W. DeLange and Ghazi J. Hashem § Parent Serial No.: 09/256,885
Serial No.: To Be Assigned § Parent Filed: 02/24/1999
Filed: Herewith § Anticipated Art Unit No.: 3627
For: *Threaded Connection*
for Internally Clad Pipe §

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, in the paragraph below the subheading "Related Applications," please amend lines 4 and 5 as follows:

Clean Version of Amended Paragraph

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/256,885, filed February 24, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/030,459, filed February 25, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,042,153, issuing March 28, 2000.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-23 and 39-45.

Respectfully submitted,

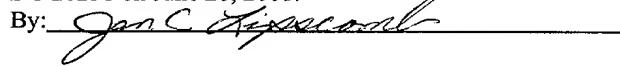


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